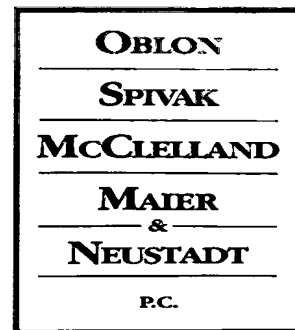




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Applicants: Terukazu KOKUBO, et al.
Filing Date: September 15, 2003
For: CONDUCTIVE METAL PARTICLES, CONDUCTIVE
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PRODUCTS USING THE SAME
Group Art Unit: 1742
Examiner: Mai, N. T.

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Attached hereto for filing are the following papers:

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Our check in the amount of _____ is attached covering any required fees. In the event any variance exists between the amount enclosed and the Patent Office charges for filing the above-noted documents, including any fees required under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 for any necessary Extension of Time to make the filing of the attached documents timely, please charge or credit the difference to our Deposit Account No. 15-0030. Further, if these papers are not considered timely filed, then a petition is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 for the necessary extension of time. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.312, Applicants respectfully call the Examiner's attention to the Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) filed April 13, 2004.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to initial the Form PTO 1449 submitted therewith, and mail a copy thereof to undersigned counsel. **Enclosed herewith** is a copy of said Form.

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